THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a)

Year	Qty. (In tonnes)
1987-88	48111
1988-89	39917
1989-90	58183

Countries to which major exports have been made are UK, France, FRG, Italy, Belgium, Netherlands, Czechoslovakia, GDR, USSR, PDRY, YAR, S. Arabia, Bangladesh, China, Nepal, Algeria, Egypt, Somalia, Libya, UAE, Indonesia, Singapore, etc.

(b) Year	Value. (Rs. crores)
1987-88	96.98
1988-89	100.72
1989-90	152.23

(c) The target of exports of Uumanufactured tobacco for the current year 1990-91 are under consideration. The target for future years has not been fixed.

(d) As per the information received from the Indian Tobacco Association, Guntur about 20,000 tonnes of tobacco procured by the dealers and exporters have been involved in the recent cyclone damages which may affect exports.

(e) Cash Compensatory Support @ 5 per cent has been allowed to continue on exports of VFC tobacco. Efforts are under way to identify and develop varieties having greater acceptability in overseas markets. Delegations are being mounted to countries where there is potential for sale of tobacco.

Development of tourism in Orissa

930. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the proposal included in the Seventh Five Year Plan for development of tourist places in Orissa which have been completed/implemented;

(b) the other proposal, if any, under consideration of Government for promotion of tourism in the State; and

(c) when the scheme are likely to be completed/implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) The following projects/schemes for which central financial assistance was sanctioned during the Seventh Five Year Plan, have already been completed:—

1. Boats for Mandankanan Zoological Park
2. Motor Vacht for Chilka Lake
3. Open Air Theatre at Konark
4. Boats for Bhitarkanika Wild Life Sanctuary
5. Water sports at Chilka Lake

(b) The following projects/schemes have been prioritised for central financial assistance to the State of Orirsa for the year 1990-91:—

1. Tourist complex one each at Pathrajpur, Ratnagiri, Udaigiri, Phoolbani and Thuamulhampur
2. Forest Lodge one each at Chandbeli and Tikarpada
3. Tourist Lodge at Bhitarkanika Wild Life Sanctuary
4. Visitors' centre at Bhubaneswar
5. Provision of tents/equipments for Adventure sports
6. Development of infrastructure at Lalitgiri

(c) The following schemes sanctioned during the Seventh Five Year Plan are at various stages of implementation by the State Government:—

1. Purchase of mini buses, wagonatee and elephants for Similipal Wildlife Sanctuary

2. Yatri Niwases at Satpada and Konark

3. Wayside facilities at Sunabeda, Taptapani, Angul, Rameshwar and Bhadrak

4. Toilet and drinking water facilities at Bhubaneswar and Konark (through Archaeological Survey of India)

It is expected that the above projects are likely to be completed during 1991-92.

Closing down of Madras Gold Collection Cum-delivery centre of the Indian Government mints

931. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to close down the Madras Gold Collection-Cum-Delivery Centre of the Indian Government Mints.

(b) whether the South India Jewellers Association has made a request to him in this regard saying that the Centre has been established only recently and that it would pick up business commensurate with its capacity gradually and should, therefore; not be closed; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) At prerent there is no such proposal to close down the Madras Gold-Collection-Cum-Delivery Centre.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of answer to (a) above.

Ninth Finance Commission's report

932. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ninth Finance Commission has refused to work out the recommend a scheme of Central transfers on the assumption that past trends would continue, calling it a "futile-exercise" as reported in an article in the Statesman of June 11, 1990;

(b) if so, what is the basis on which Government intend to effect such transfers in the future; and

(c) what decisions Government have taken on the recommendations of the Ninth Finance Commission?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) In their concluding observations in para 10.1 of their Second Report, the Ninth Finance Commission have referred *inter alia* to the large and growing deficit on revenue account at the Centre and in the budget of several States and observed "in such a situation any attempt to work out a scheme of Central transfers on the assumption that past trends would or could continue was a futile exercise" The Commission adopted a normative approach as required under their terms of reference.

(b) and (c) The recommendations of the Ninth Finance Commission (Second Report for the five years period commencing from 1st of April, 1990 have already been accepted by the Government.

Production capacity of security paper mill, Hoshangabad

933. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the capacity and actual production of security and bank note paper at the Security Paper Mill, Hoshangabad;

(b) whether it is sufficient to meet the increasng demand for currency and bank notes;